

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900
OFFERED BY MR. PHILLIPS OF MINNESOTA

At the appropriate place in division E, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . AUTHORIZATIONS RELATING TO VETERINARY**
2 **CARE OVERSEAS.**

3 (a) DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The Secretary of
4 State, in consultation with the Director of the Centers for
5 Disease Control and Prevention, is authorized, in order
6 to facilitate the importation to the United States, of do-
7 mestic animals by officers and employees of the United
8 States Government, and their dependents, under the au-
9 thority of any Chief of Mission from a country classified
10 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as high
11 risk for dog rabies—

12 (1) to enter into contracts with individuals who
13 are licensed in the United States for the provision
14 of personal services (as described in section 104 of
15 part 37 of title 48, Code of Federal Regulations and
16 including pursuant to section 904 of the Foreign
17 Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4084)) to provide
18 veterinary care overseas for domestic animals of

1 such officers, employees, and dependents, except
2 that—

3 (A) such individuals may not be deemed
4 officers or employees of the United States for
5 the purpose of any law administered by the Of-
6 fice of Personnel Management; and

7 (B) such individuals shall be expected to be
8 available to travel to any overseas post as nec-
9 essary to provide veterinary care and shall not
10 be hired for or detailed exclusively to any spe-
11 cific overseas post; and

12 (2) to take such steps as may be necessary to
13 provide medical services or related support with re-
14 spect to the domestic animals of such officers, em-
15 ployees, and dependents, including in particular the
16 purchase, procurement, delivery, and administration
17 of rabies vaccines licensed by the Secretary of Agri-
18 culture, on a reimbursable basis to the extent fea-
19 sible, except that such reimbursement may not ex-
20 ceed the amount that would be charged for equiva-
21 lent veterinarian services if received in the United
22 States.

23 (b) USE OF EXISTING MECHANISMS.—To the max-
24 imum extent practicable, the Secretary of State shall use
25 existing mechanisms, including for the purchase, procure-

1 ment, delivery, and administration of COVID–19 vaccines
2 to officers and employees of the United States Govern-
3 ment and their dependents under the authority of any
4 Chief of Mission abroad, to carry out the authorities pro-
5 vided by subsection (a), especially with respect to the pur-
6 chase, procurement, delivery, and administration of rabies
7 vaccines licensed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

8 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

9 (1) the term “domestic animal” means a dog or
10 a cat; and

11 (2) the term “officers and employees of the
12 United States Government” includes volunteers in
13 the Peace Corps.

